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High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,[1]

Recalling also its resolutions 62/209 of 19 December 2007 and 63/233 of 19 December 2008, in which it decided to convene a High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, no later than the first half of 2009,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the President of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation submitted pursuant to its resolutions 62/209 and 63/233,[2]

Reaffirming its previous resolutions relevant and pertaining to South-South cooperation,

Welcoming with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

1. *Decides* that the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation:

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* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 63 (b) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

[2] A/63/741, annex.

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(a) Will be held at Nairobi from 22 to 24 June 2009;

(b) Will be held at the highest level;

(c) Will have the overarching theme "Promotion of South-South cooperation";

(d) Will consist of plenary meetings and interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the following sub-themes:

(i) Strengthening the role of the United Nations system in supporting South-South cooperation;

(ii) The role of triangular cooperation in sustaining the efforts of the South;

(iii) Constraints and challenges, including those posed by the current financial and economic crisis, and their impact on the South;

(e) Will result in an intergovernmentally agreed outcome;

(f) Will also result in summaries by the Chair;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report, consistent with the overarching theme of the Conference, reviewing the trends in South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation, as well as the progress made by the international community, in particular by the United Nations, in supporting and promoting such cooperation, as well as identifying new challenges and constraints and measures to overcome them;

3. *Reiterates* the role of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation within the United Nations Development Programme as a separate entity and a focal point for South-South cooperation, and requests the Unit to continue to provide necessary substantive and technical support to the preparatory process for the Conference;

4. *Encourages* Member States, as well as other participating partners, to prepare their reports on South-South and triangular cooperation for the purpose of the Conference, on a voluntary basis;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to initiate informal consultations with all Member States, in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, with a view to producing a draft outcome document which will form the basis of negotiations for an intergovernmentally agreed outcome;

6. *Invites* United Nations organizations, the specialized agencies, regional commissions, as well as funds and programmes to provide their inputs to the preparations for the Conference, and further invites relevant United Nations bodies to organize regional, subregional and sectoral United Nations meetings prior to the Conference;

7. *Invites* international and regional organizations, international financial institutions, non-governmental organizations and business sector entities to participate in the Conference, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the preparatory process and the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the organizational arrangements for the Conference in cooperation with the Government of Kenya, and further requests the Secretary-General to provide a note on the organizational aspects of the Conference;

10. *Encourages* all Member States and other relevant stakeholders, in a position to do so, to consider supporting the participation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, including by making voluntary contributions through the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation, in order to ensure the broadest possible participation;

11. *Decides* to postpone the sixteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation from 2 to 5 June 2009 to one convenient day in November 2009.